

Dear Councillor

LICENSING PANEL - THURSDAY, 24TH MARCH, 2022

Please find attached additional information from the public objectors, Mr Newman and Mr Etherington, for Thursday, 24th March, 2022 meeting of the Licensing Panel, which were received after the agenda had been despatched.

Yours sincerely

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Agenda Item 4

From: Bill Etherington
Sent: 20 March 2022 12:48
To: Licensing la2003
Subject: Re: Marvin's New Premises Licence Application

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for sending me the documents relating to New Premise Licence Application - Marvin's, Highfield Road. As I have only just received these documents on Thursday 17th March, unfortunately this hardly provides me with adequate time to review and collate a professional response to the items listed.

The 6 tenant's of 3 Mayfield Ave of which I am the Landlord that shares the boundary wall of 19-23 Highfield Road, feel that a late night music venue will be disruptive. The reason's being noise from inside the venue itself and noise from people entering and leaving the premises at such a late time especially at weekends.

Any smoking area is going to be under the bedroom and living room areas of flats 1 & 4 which are above 25 & 27 Highfield Road.

We have no objections to a venue that is more compliant to such a residential area for example a wine bar/restaurant open till 11pm.

Having worked in the licensing trade as a manager and door supervisor, putting signs up requesting customers to respect the surrounding residents and keep the noise down has no baring on their behaviour. In fact it often has the opposite effect.

In short a late night music drinking establishment in too close proximity to a residential property, ie the same building with a dividing wall is only going to lead to conflict and complaints.

Yours Faithfully

William Etherington

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From: Owen Newman
Sent: 18 March 2022 10:34
To: Licensing la2003
Subject: Re: Marvin's New Premises Licence Application

Yes I cannot attend on that day but wished I was able.
I have seen the documents that you sent me and I understand what Marvin's is saying but I'm far from happy about the premises being set up.
I have lived at my property which is attached directly to where Marvin's will be and I am very happy where I am.
I believe that Marvin's will not add anything positive to my life at all.
I'm not in the best of health anyway being treated for bladder cancer amongst other health issues and the stress of having what is basically a night club next door isn't in any way appealing.
It's not that I'm against people wanting to have fun and drink but not next door to where I live and not Seven nights a week until the early hours of the next day.
If it closed at 11pm I might be able to deal with it. But the early hours? Especially in the summer when I have my windows open for air because I also suffer from shortness of breath and have to use inhalers.
Marvin's cannot guarantee in anyway what the patrons of their drinking establishment will be like when they leave their premises. Of course they can't. They can't guarantee that the soundproofing will be soundproof.
I don't intend to move but if the licence is granted I for one will be on the phone to the police every single day if there is disturbances outside and complain.
I will also be on the phone to environmental health if the sound levels are above what you expect from your next door neighbour, which Marvin's will be.
Would anyone in their right mind want to be living next door to a night club?
Would anyone want drunks leaving a nightclub in the early hours.
We are talking about homes here. Places where people live and sleep. Would anyone, I say again choose a night club as their next door neighbour and would anyone if they saw a property empty next to a night club if they had a choice want to move into it?
I ask the licensing board to please take my objections seriously and consider them. I hope but reading through the documents it seems to me to be a done deal.
It might not be of course which is why I am writing this email.
But if it does go ahead I will be extremely upset which of course will not affect anyone at the licensing board. I'm just a tenant that will have to endure living next door to Marvin's. I'm just a tenant who will have to expect late nights and early morning disturbances. I'm just a tenant who will have to expect drunkenness and rowdy behaviour late at night.
But I'm also a tenant, if the worse comes to the worse who will not hesitate Every Single Day to contact the police if there is disturbances of peace. If the noise level is above what is unacceptable. I will also be complaining to Environmental Health every day. So if Marvin's are granted the licencing they had better make sure they ensure the soundproofing of their building next door because I will have a sound meter if it goes above the level of acceptability.
They also say they have years of experience of guaranteeing their patrons leave their premises quietly. How are they going to achieve that? How are they going to guarantee that their patrons will be quiet if they want to go outside to smoke or whatever?
Are they going to have staff outside the premises asking them to keep their voices down when it is past midnight or even after they close?
It can't be done. I hope it can be done if they are granted a licence. But if it isn't again I will be in contact with the police about disturbance of the peace.

Just as anyone would if they had a rowdy partying every single night and into the early hours of the next day.

Who wouldn't complain it?

Or am I being told that if my next door neighbour is a night club it's perfectly fine?

I hope the licencing board take my comments seriously. If they don't think they are serious perhaps they would like to imagine living where I am and imagine what they would feel like if faced with the same nightmare.

Would the licencing board want to live where I am?

I hope that the correct decision is made and that the licencing and especially the late night isn't granted.

As I said if Marvin's closed at 11pm it would be something but the late night opening it's totally unacceptable I believe and I hope you think the same way.

Have a good day and sorry if this is long.

Owen Newman